IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A data-providing apparatus for editing image data in response to a demand transmitted from a data-processing apparatus through the Internet, said data-providing apparatus comprising:

first acquisition means for acquiring one or more scenarios, each scenario comprising a plurality of video scenes and each video scene lasting for a predetermined period of time, in response to a demand made by a user of the data-processing apparatus using a web browser;

second acquisition means for acquiring a predetermined number of image data items that are used in each scenario, in response to a demand made by the user of the data-processing apparatus using the web browser, wherein the second acquisition means acquires the image data items supplied from another data-processing apparatus other than the data-providing apparatus;

user video-data management means for storing said one or more scenarios and said image data items;

receiving means for receiving image data items transmitted by the user from the data-processing apparatus through the Internet using the web browser;

means for selecting the image data items acquired by the second acquisition means and for randomly allocating the selected image data items to video scenes of a scenario acquired by the first acquisition means; and

editing means for editing the image data items that are received by the receiving means and allocated to the video scenes of the acquired scenario.

2. (Previously Presented) The data-providing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein special effects are allocated to the video scenes of the acquired scenario, the

apparatus further comprising effect-applying means for applying the special effects to the image data items allocated to the video scenes of the acquired scenario.

3. (Previously Presented) The data-providing apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising transmission control means for controlling a transmission of the image data generated by applying the special effects to the image data items by the effect-applying means.

4. (Previously Presented) The data-providing apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising recording control means for controlling a recording of the image data generated by applying the special effects to the image data items by the effect-applying means.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously Presented) The data-providing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein a plurality of music items are allocated to the one or more scenarios.

7-8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) A data-providing method for use in a data-providing apparatus for editing image data in response to a demand transmitted from a data-processing apparatus through the Internet, said data-providing method comprising

acquiring one or more scenarios, each scenario comprising a plurality of video scenes and each video scene lasting for a predetermined period of time, in response to a demand made by a user of the data-processing apparatus using a web browser;

acquiring a predetermined number of image data items that are used in each scenario, in response to a demand made by the user of the data-processing apparatus using the web browser, wherein the image data items are acquired from another data-processing apparatus other than the data-providing apparatus;

storing said one or more scenarios and said image data items in the user video-data management device;

receiving, at a receiving device, image data items transmitted by the user from the data-processing apparatus through the Internet using the web browser;

selecting the image data items acquired in the second acquiring step;

randomly allocating the selected image data items to the video scenes of a scenario acquired in the first acquiring step; and

editing the image data items that are received at the receiving device in the receiving step and allocated to the video scenes of the acquired scenario.

10. (Currently Amended) A program-storing medium which stores a computer-readable program, the program being used in a data-providing apparatus for editing image data in response to a demand transmitted from a data-processing apparatus through the Internet, the program comprising the steps of:

acquiring one or more scenarios, each scenario comprising a plurality of video scenes and each video scene lasting for a predetermined period of time, in response to a demand made by a user of the data-processing apparatus using a web browser;

acquiring a predetermined number of image data items that are used in each scenario, in response to a demand made by the user of the data-processing apparatus using the web browser, wherein the image data items are acquired from another data-processing apparatus other than the data-providing apparatus;

storing said one or more scenarios and said image data items in a user video-data management device;

receiving, at a receiving device, image data items transmitted by the user from the data-processing apparatus through the Internet using the web browser;

selecting the image data items acquired in the second acquiring step;

randomly allocating the selected image data items to the video scenes of a scenario acquired in the first acquiring step; and

editing the image data items that are received at the receiving device in the receiving step and allocated to the video scenes of the acquired scenario.

11. (Previously Presented) The data-providing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the editing means is capable of editing the image data items transmitted by the user and received by the receiving means, together with the one or more scenarios and the image data items stored at the user video-data management means.

12. (Currently Amended) A data-providing apparatus for editing image data in response to a demand transmitted from a data-processing apparatus through the Internet, said data-providing apparatus comprising:

a first processing mechanism configured to acquire one or more scenarios, each scenario comprising a plurality of video scenes and each video scene lasting for a predetermined period of time, in response to a demand made by a user of the data-processing apparatus using a web browser;

a second processing mechanism configured to acquire a predetermined number of image data items that are used in each scenario in response to a demand made by the user of the data-processing apparatus using the web browser, wherein the second processing

mechanism is configured to acquire the image data items supplied from another data-processing apparatus other than the data-providing apparatus;

a user video-data management mechanism configure to store said one or more scenarios and said image data items;

a receiving mechanism configured to receive image data items transmitted by the user from the data-processing apparatus through the Internet using the web browser;

an image selecting mechanism configure to select the image data items acquired by the second acquisition means;

an image allocating mechanism configured to randomly allocate the selected image data items to video scenes of a scenario acquired by the first acquisition means; and

an editing mechanism configured to edit the image data items received by the receiving mechanism and that are allocated to the video scenes of the acquired scenario.

13. (Previously Presented) The data-providing apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the editing mechanism is configured to edit the image data items transmitted by the user and received by the receiving mechanism, together with the one or more scenarios and the image data items stored at the user video-data management mechanism.

14. (New) The data-providing apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:

means for lengthening an image data item when the image data item is allocated to a scene that is longer than the image data item.

15. (New) The data-providing apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:

randomly selecting a portion of the image data item when the image data item is allocated to a scene that is shorter than the image data item.